

Research Council Minutes

The Research Council met on Tuesday, **February 26, 2008** @ 1 pm in the University Center Cardinal Room.

Members present: [Michael Smith](#), [Thomas Ford](#), [Mark Holliday](#), [Sean O'Connell](#), [Christopher Cooper](#), [Meagan Karvonen](#), [Phil Sanger](#), [Scott Higgins](#), [Michelle Hargis](#), [Paul Jacques](#), [Sue McPherson](#), [John Hawes](#), [Reginald Rogers](#)

Members absent: [Roger Lirely](#), [Jane Eastman](#), [Karena Cooper-Duffy](#), [Linda McIntosh](#), [Erin Tapley](#), [Hal Herzog](#), [Krista Schmidt](#)

Others present:

Approval of the Minutes The minutes from the January 29, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed with the exception of the change of Jane Zanglein to Jane Eastman as a University Scholar Award selection committee member.

Announcements

Graduate Research Symposium Scott Higgins again requested everyone encourage their student to participate in the Graduate Research Symposium. The deadline has passed for submissions, but last minute entries would be accepted. Scheduling of presentations needs to be accomplished soon so that moderators will have opportunity to review papers.

Undergraduate Research Scott Higgins stressed again the need for undergraduate research and graduate research to dialog to avoid polarization and promote seamless joint operations. Sean O'Connell announced that Dave Butcher is leading charge on undergraduate research and that he will address the research council in the near future.

Follow-up Business

IACUC Minutes from last meeting (over a year ago) contained proposed procedures. This issue will be revisited, revised and resubmitted.

Internal Awards Due date for Hunter Scholar, University Scholar, Faculty Research Grant, and Teach-Research applications moved back to March 15th. Michelle Hargis will send email out announcing change. Guidelines for selection committee were requested to help ensure consistency in process from application to application and year to year.

Faculty Research Awards Reception Michele Hargis briefed that Jim Costa would be master of ceremonies for event. Invitations were being sent to active researchers asking them to provide posters of their work. Large portion of evening will be dedicated to opportunity to mingle and experience the displays.

New Business

IRB Training More training is available. Meagan Karvonen will evaluate need after attending workshop.

Other Business

Release Time/Salary Savings Phil Sanger wanted to know why the funds generated by grants were not getting back to departments. He also pointed out that IDC rates were hard to find on web site. He was also concerned that fringe costs (health care) being paid by grant were not generating funds back to departments. Reginald Rogers explained that these fringe costs must follow the salary source.

Pay Statements Chris Cooper wanted to know why pay statements did not clearly define sources of income (specific grants, etc). Reggie Rogers reported that this is a banner short coming and that it was being worked.

Travel Money Scott Higgins reminded the committee that the state funds the Graduate School once had to pay for graduate students to travel to deliver their research papers was no longer available.

Action

Undergraduate Research Invite Dave Butcher to research council meeting to discuss.

Fringe Costs Reggie Rogers will verify that the way WCU handles fringe costs is consistent with UNC system

IDC John Hawes will ensure IDC rate is more prominent on research administration web page and added to FAQs.

Pay Statements Michele Hargis will follow up on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.